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ON

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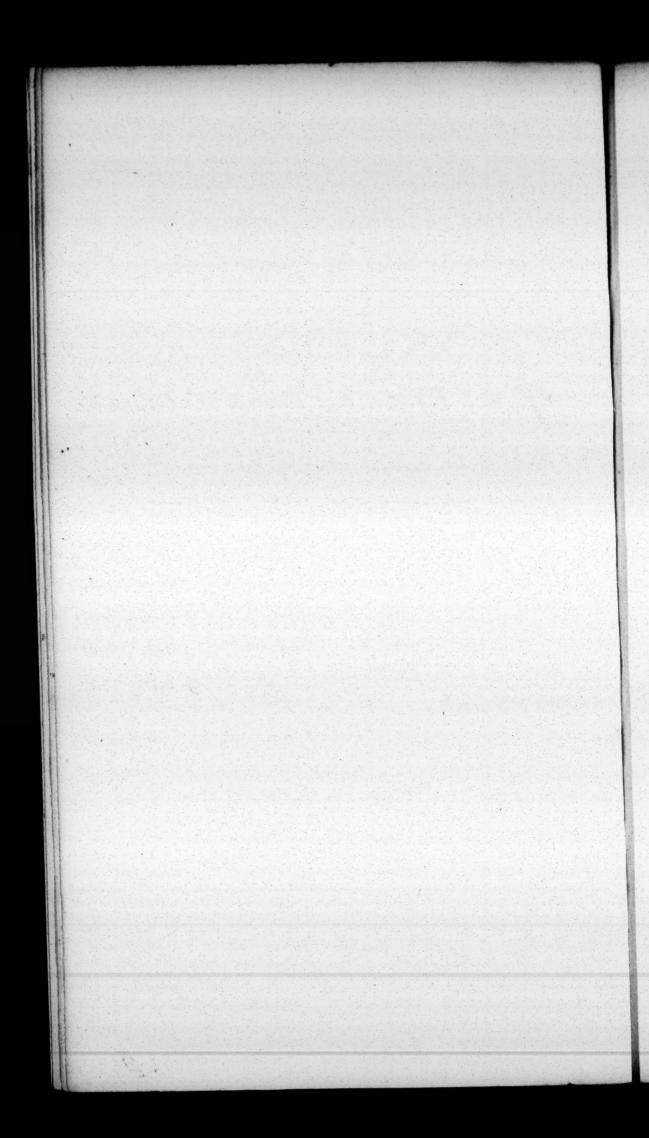
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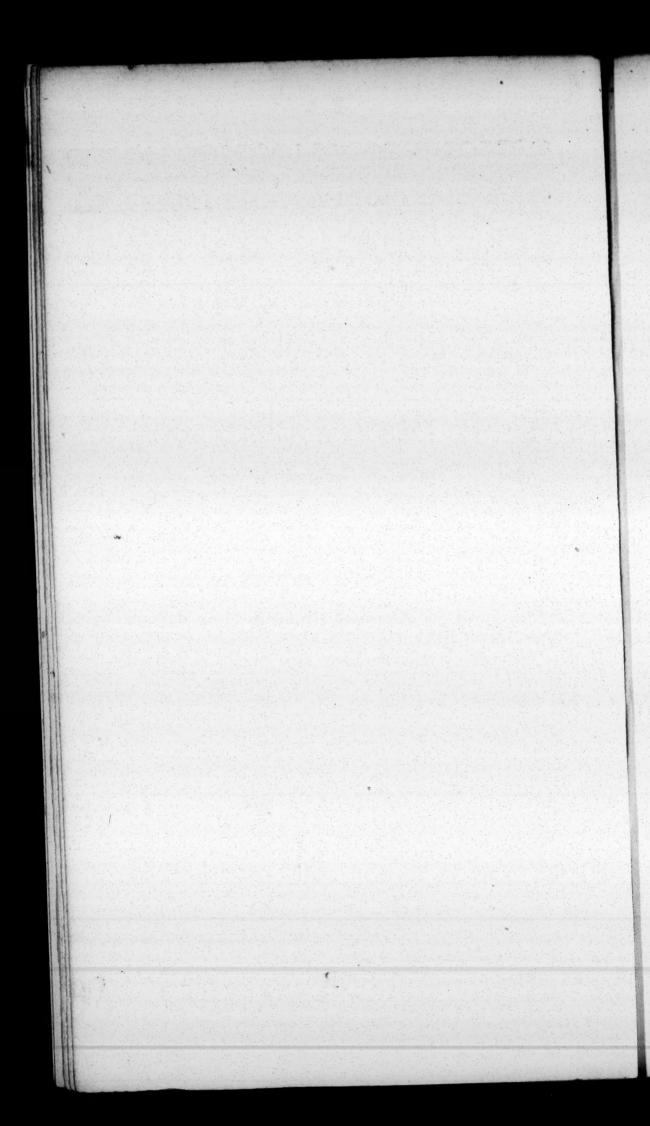
HE Editor of these Pieces, which fell into his Hands by Accident, is a Stranger to the Writer; therefore an Apology for the Publication may be necessary; and the following is the only one that he can make to the Author or the Public. The Pieces were read by some Men esteemed for Learning and Genius, who, if they did not highly applaud, did not condemn, but admitted a Simplicity and Feeling in them, which might save the Editor from the Censure of being void of Judgment.



TO THE HONOURABLE

YOUTH who, careless as he stray'd
In Capel's Vale, rude Rhymes essay'd,

Nor fought a Poet's lofty Name,
Defign'd for other Fields of Fame,
Now bidding to the Muse Adieu,
Inscribes his youthful Toys to you.
Go Children of a love-lorn Mind,
Go to the Friend of human Kind,
A gentler Judge ye may not chuse,
Be happy, if she twice peruse.





Youthful Amusements.

On the MARRIAGE of Lady C-y.

O Venus, regina Cnidi Paphique, Sperne dilectam Cypron, &c.

GODDESS of the rofy Smile,
Leave your favour'd Cyprian Isle,
Hither, drawn by faithful Doves,

Waft your Graces and your Loves:

Come on Tiptoe Jollity,

* Youth's unlovely without thee;

^{*} Parum comis fine te Juventas.

And let Music lightly float,
With ev'ry wild extatic Note,
Till Sorrow rouse her languid Head,
And Sickness spurn her loathsome Bed.

Zephyr, on thy fragrant Wing,
All the Sweets of India bring;
And what in fair Ierne grows,
Scatter with thy darling Rose;
Roses round my Temples twine,
Bind with Rose the sparkling Wine,
Let the God o'erslow the Bowl;
Wine unlocks the Miser's Soul,
Stretches Care on Beds of Down,
And gives to Poverty a Crown.

Momus, join this festive Crew,
All to COVENTRY is due;



Ev'ry Voice, and ev'ry Lay,
Celebrate her Nuptial Day;
Without Sorrow, let her see,
Children fair, and lov'd as She;
And let Honours crown their Youth,
Spotless as their Father's Truth.



EPISTLE

EPISTLE to A. S-n, Esquire.

Tecum etenim longos memini confumere Soles.

April, 1754.

HOW long will Crowds and Pageantry and Noise,

From Friendship hold Thee, and its social Joys;
From Scenes, where lavish Nature, as she goes,
Plants Forest-Oaks, and slings the Garden-Rose,
While in her Footsteps Art and Judgment move,
Prune her loose Fancies, and her Wilds improve?

Say, does Ambition ev'ry Thought engage?

What can Ambition in this trifling Age?

Or Courts delight Thee, and the splendid Halls

Where Barons hold their midnight Festivals,

Where stately Dames in Robes of many a Dye, Iris all hues, perplex the wand'ring Eye; MARCHMOHT, and COVENTRY, like July gay, With dove-ey'd BARKER, fweet as new-born May; And HAMILTON, in form like Ida's Queen, When to Anchises' pious Son * her Mien, Loofe wavy Locks, and rofeat Neck reveal'd Her Deity; and PIT who may not yield In Grace majestic or endearing Smiles; With her, whose gentle Ease to Love beguiles, Heart pleafing + WENTWORTH; next appears a Train, Stranger to Hymen and the Marriage Chain; Their Cheeks a maiden Innocence yet dies, And Lightnings tremble in their bashful Eyes:

ere

^{*} Dixit: et avertens rosea cervice refulsit,

Ambrosiæque comæ divinum vertice odorem

Spiravere; Pedes vestis desluxit ad imos,

Et vera incessu patuit Dea.——VIRGIL.

⁺ Lady Rockingham.

In all that Blaze of Charms encount'ring Charms, What Breast is safe from Love's unerring Arms? By Beauty wak'd, the young Defires arise, As Blossoms open to the vernal Skies; Nor idly hope that Reason can controul The Wish that's formed congenial with the Soul; When Love erects his Empire in the Breast, What then is Reason but his Slave at best? In vain it pleads, in vain it would fecure The glowing Bosom from the Virgin's Power; From Julian's Sweetness, Pride of Portmore's Race, Where Love holds Triumph in an Angel's Face; From Cynthia's Blush, the soft celestial Hue Of modest Worth that shuns the public View; Oh turn thy Eyes from her too lovely Breast, One stolen Sight may rob thy Soul of Rest; Trust not the Tangles of her flowing Hair, A thousand Foes to Freedom ambush there;

Adieu to her, or bid Adieu to Ease, She's born to conquer, for she's born to please: The haughty Fair fecurely we admire, Nor feel the Vifitings of foft defire; But pleasing Grace invades each thrilling Vein, And Pleasure borders on the House of Pain; Yet who the Chace, tho' painful, would forbear, If Worth, like Cynthia's, might reward his Care? But Shews of feeming pure mislead our Youth, And not to seem, betrays like want of Truth: Near Beauty's Side unless Discretion grows, Too foon will Cenfure blight th' unshelter'd Rose; And if Suspicions haunt the Husband's Breast, What then avails it, though the Wife be chaste? The fond Affection of the purest Eye Is raging Lust to dark-brow'd Jealousy; Fearful of Proofs, on light Surmise it moves, Doats, yet despairs, and murders while it loves.

Haste, then, my Friend, soft Pleasure's Paths foregoe, Ere slatt'ring Hope betrays to real Woe.

In Sion-Fields, where ev'ry Woodlark fings, We'll trace the Semblances of nobleft Things; That stately Pine, which braves th' infulting Wind, Much honour'd * PIT, how like thy constant Mind? Nor to the Sense less sweet than + Murray's Tongue, Though less to Reason, is the Night-bird's Song: My Shepherd, skill'd in ev'ry feat'ring Line, Which from a thousand Flocks has vary'd mine, Who feeds my Sheep with an impartial Hand, Is YORKE dispensing Justice to the Land. Nor want we to adorn the lovely Scene, Thy Sweetness, Collier, or ‡ Lewes A's Mien; To rival them, along the velvet Lawns Oreads and Dryads, mingling with the Fawns

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^{*} William Pit.

⁺ Lord Mansfield.

[‡] Miss Lewes.

In mazy Dance, falute the jocund Spring,
Which lightly borne on Zephyr's fragrant Wing
Earth's Lap impregns; around in wanton Play,
(Like Knights at Joust upon th' inauguring Day
Of ancient Kings) the jutting Deer contend;
Ten thousand Birds in Acclamations blend
Their grateful Songs, while the new liv'ry'd Vales
With rosy Sweetness take the passing Gales.

The tuneful Mind this Harmony partakes,
Plum'd like an Indian Queen then Fancy wakes,
And Clio, feated in the Laurel-shade
Where the great Servants of Mankind are laid,
In Honour's Page records some Hero's Name,
Or gives thy Virtues, Charlemont, to Fame.
While sweetly sad, Melpomene complains
Of Maids, too fond, betray'd by perjur'd Swains.

Such Joys will Sion give, delightful Dale!

Whose Praise, could ought my simple Rhymes avail,
Should live with Time, and Sons unborn be told,

- "This SEYMOUR plann'd, th' ambitious and the Bold;
- "Here bloom'd the PIERCIES, great in Scotland's "Page,
- " A Line of Heroes fam'd thro' many an Age:
- "Twas first on yonder dazy-sprinkled Plains
- " That LUCY call'd forth WALLER's gentle Strains,
- " To Beauty's Praise his filver-Harp was strung,
- " And fair CARLISLE in ev'ry Grove was fung."
 But Themes like these a louder Lay require,

A Pindar's Fancy, or a Flaccus' Lyre;

My humble Verse one partial Ear would please, And tempt a Friend to Shades and letter'd Ease.

Here, when the Blood with lazy-gated Pace Clogs the fine Springs that speed Life's active Race, When Eye-fix'd Melancholy's hopeless Band 'Gin fnatch the Rein from Reason's steady Hand, We'll climb you Uplands where * Hygeia dwells, Of Dian's Train, who Dian's felf excells In graceful speed; before the Peep of Dawn, Her hasty Feet oft brush the spangled Lawn, Unzon'd her Bosom, fair as falling Snow, Girt with the Pard her Waste, an Ewen Bow Her left Hand Arms, while fleeter than the Winds, O'er Hills and Streams she chases the panting Hinds. We'll join her Sports, rouse Eccho with our Cry, Till the scar'd Natives of the Forest fly Her babling Voice, then share the reeking Spoil, And for the Pleasure gratulate the Toil.

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^{*} Goddess of Health.

But when the Sun shoots prone his fervid Beams, Parching the fever'd Air; then lucid Streams, Caves and umbrageous Grots, and high-arch'd Trees Lending cool Fragrance to the gladfome Breeze, Invite to Rest; nor Stream, cool Cave, or Shade, Nor fragrant Breeze from Hill and thymy Glade Are wanting here: For not to Enna's Field Nor fam'd Valdarn' may fairer Sion yield. There oft, my Friend, delighted, we'll explore The Arts of Culture and the Farmer's Lore, Taught by the * Sherwood Bard, who now effays The Reed of Tityrus, nor idly plays, By PAN instructed; warm with Patriot Zeal, That public Virtue makes the public Weal, He fings; Oh to his Strains a Moment spare, And make, ye Great, our Woods and Fields your Care.

^{*} Richard Dodsley, Author of a Poem on Agriculture.

At Eve, mix'd Converse o'er the social Bowl
And Songs from Sylvia will revive the Soul;
Thou too, sweet Warbler of the Woods, be near,
Whose soft Complainings touch the Night's cold
Ear;

List'ning thy liquid Lay, the pale-ey'd Moon
Oft sees me loit'ring from her highest Noon;
Sylvia, with Thee, our Pleasures will prolong,
And feast the Muses with * alternate Song.

Leave then the Blaze of Courts, the Bar and Strife, And taste the Blessings of a rural Life.

^{*} Amant alterna Camenæ,



THYRSIS and SYLVIA. A DIALOGUE.

In a Grove profuse of Shade
With fair Sylvia Thyrsis stray'd,
Her he lov'd with Ardour more
Than e'er Shepherd felt before,
Taught her Praise to ev'ry Breeze,
Grav'd it on a thousand Trees,
Still the Wood-Nymphs shew it there
Tended with uncommon Care;
Eccho kindled at his Flame,
Eccho learn'd and lov'd her Name,
For of her alone he sung,
Subject of his Soul and Tongue;

All in vain; his Songs she read, Jested with his Love and said,

Sylvia. Happy Youth, whose Passion dies Breathing amorous tuneful Sighs,
Who, when Love awakes Desire,
With the Muse allays its Fire;
By the Muse alone possess'd,
Sylvia never broke his Rest.

THYRSIS. Sylvia, not to Mifers be
Riches dear, as you to me:
As all other Brightness dies
At the Lustre of those Eyes;
So my Soul, surveying You,
Bad all other Forms Adieu.

Sylvia. Trust me, Thyrsis, Time will prove 'Tis not Sylvia whom you love,

Sylvia boasts not half those Charms,

But when Youth your Fancy warms,

Fancy, what she frames, admires,

And begets what she desires.

THYRSIS. Fancy from all Womankind
Never fuch a Form combin'd;
Others that I lov'd were all
Parts of you th' Original:
Thus in Mortals we admire
Sparks of the immortal Fire.

Sylvia. If indeed thy Love was Truth,

I could pity Thee, fond Youth,

But in Woman's gentle Mind

Pity is to Love inclin'd,

And e'en you that Love would blame Which would bring to Sylvia Shame.

THYRSIS. Can that Passion shameful be Which made best Things, even Thee?
Or can you refuse your Aid
To the Wretch your Charms have made?
'Tis Heaven's Attribute to bless,
Will Heaven's Image then do less?

Sylvia. Hope not, Thyrsis, to defile
Purity you prais'd ere while;
With the Virtue you admire
Soon your Passion will expire:
Had to you my Vow been made,
Could you bear my Faith betray'd?

THYRSIS. Had fuch Charms for one been made,

I would blame your Faith betray'd;

But in Blessings great and rare

Numbers were design'd to share;

But one Sun in Heav'n we find,

And its shar'd by all Mankind.

When it stoops for Vice to plead?
Thus, perverted from their Use,
Best Things fall to worst Abuse;
Cease, fond Shepherd, to pursue,
What would Sylvia's Fame undo.

THYRSIS. If, fair Pleader, I must die,
Be it now beneath your Eye,
For, of flatt'ring Hope berest,
Nought to sweeten Caré is lest;

Then within your chaste Embrace Let my Life and Passion cease.

SYLVIA. Why, if Sylvia be your Care, Will you thus her Bosom tear? Let this Sigh attest my Grief, And if Pity gives Relief, Take it; more I dare not give, Rife, fubdue yourfelf and live. Then his languid Head she rear'd, And his fainting Spirits chear'd, With fuch Counfel, as a while Did the Sense of Pain beguile; But as Calms precede a Storm, Or as Wretches fever-worn An Hour's flatt'ring Quiet know, Presage of Death's fatal Blow, So his Pain a Moment ceas'd, To return with Force increas'd.

PARAPHRASE of an Ode of HORACE to DIANA.

Inscribed to Mrs. B——r.

Montium Custos, Nemorumque Virgo.

L. 3. Ode 22.

August, 1753.

CHASTE Ranger of the Hills and Groves,
Propitious to connubial Loves,

Who to the burthen'd Matron's Pray'r

In Pity bend a favouring Ear,

If rightly call'd: Birth-giving Dame,

Lucina, or what other Name

Delight Thee most, exert thy Pow'r,

And watch o'er Beauty's teeming Hour,

That Hour, enroll'd within the Page

Which tells in Heav'n thy Course and Age,

Attend,

Attend, and ease a Matron's Throws, Pay with a Son her short-liv'd Woes; Then, Goddess, as thy Bounty's Meed, Each Year the tusky Boar shall bleed, In Langley's healthful high Retreat, Or, Gillian, thy fequester'd Seat; And, Phæbus, stretch thy healing Care To one so like thy Daphne fair, Whose Elegance of Soul might steal A Statesman from the public Weal; Then yearly will I cull fresh Bays For him who best shall tune thy Praise; And yearly shall the flowing Bowl, Thy Bleffing, Bacchus, chear the Soul.

A TRUE STORY.

Injectæ collo sic jacuere comæ

Hos habuit Vultus, hæc illi Verba fuerunt,

Hic Color, hæc facies, hic Decor Oris erat.

N April's Front the Sun was feen
Strewing with Flow'rs Earth's Lap of Green;
And all its Warblers chear'd the Grove,
Renewing Harmony and Love.

Proud of its Walks and Structure wide,
Where Ranelagh o'erlooks thy Tide,
Great River-God, a jocund Train,
Prince, Subject, Citizen and Swain,
With many a Maid from West to East
Of * Freedom held the usual Feast;

^{*} Masquerade.

The Pride of London's stately Dames Hence threw a Lustre o'er the Thames, In vary'd Shapes, and brighter Dyes Than paint the Summer's Evening Skies; On them attendant Youth and Age, The Quaint, the Frolic and the Sage, All gorgeous as the Son of May, Appear'd, in motly'd Liveries, gay. Simplicity the Garment took Of Shepherd-Maid with Scrip and Crook; And Dignity the fweeping Gown, The purple and the starry Crown. But fairest of the Thousands fair, One Beauty stole the public Care; Unknown, for she was wont to fly The courtly Throng and envying Eye; Her Cheeks, with Virgin-blushes strewn, Like Beds of Roses freshly blown,

Had Hebe's Bloom, all Hebe's Smiles,

And without Cytherea's Wiles

Her winning Grace; the wanton Air

Dispers'd in Waves her flowing Hair;

Beholders, by her Eyes inform'd,

Were with new Sense of Virtue warm'd,

Imbib'd her Gentleness of Mind,

And grew benign to human kind:

If in the Dance she mix'd, the Gaze

Of Crowds purfued her thro' the Maze,

Statesmen a while forgot the State,

The Bride fore trembled for her Mate;

Old Age her passing Steps admir'd,

And Youth with glowing Eyes enquir'd,

- " What Maid is she so highly blest,
- " Who steals all Wonder from the rest?
- " Such Loveliness may not be found
- " In Towns for loveliest Dames renown'd;

- " On that sweet Face the live-long Day
- " I could look Time and Life away;
- " Poffes'd of those celestial Charms
- " Not Heav'n could tempt me from her Arms."

But chief amid the Throng was feen

A careless Youth of easy Mien,

Thyrsis, who oft resolv'd and swore

That Love should prompt his Sighs no more;

But what can Oaths or Vows avail

Oppos'd to Beauty's weightier Scale?

He stood a Moment to admire,

Soon chang'd his Wonder to Defire;

He thought her of the Virgin-throng,

Quick spread the Flame his Veins along;

He would have turn'd his Steps away,

His rooted Feet would not obey;

In vain he struggled to depart,

Love held him captive by the Heart:

Then calling Reason's feeble Aid,

He argued with himself, and said,

- " On that fair Angel-face to gaze
- " Is giving Breath to fan the Blaze;
- "Yet who from Beauty turns his Eyes,
- " From Virtue's sweet Resemblance flies;
- " Defign'd to give the World Delight,
- " Old Age grows youthful at her Sight;
- " Great God of Love, oh hear me now,
- " And constant at thy Shrine I'll bow,
- " Touch with thy filver-pointed Dart,
- " That tender blushing Maiden's Heart,
- " Till our Affections mutual glow,
- " And with our Years our Fondness grow,
- " That future Times may wond'ring tell,
- " None lov'd fo long, who lov'd fo well."

He pray'd, and fix'd his Fate to try,

He turn'd on her's his wishful Eye,

With trembling Steps approach'd the Dame,

Confusion witnessing his Flame,

And foftly pressing in the Shade

Her rofy Fingers, figh'd and faid,

- " Fair Wonder of the human Race,
- " Thy Sex's Envy and its Grace,
- " Blest who begot Thee, and the Breast
- " That nurs'd, and she who bore Thee blest;
- " List, gentle, (for Unkindness ne'er
- " Can harbour in a Form so fair)
- " With Pity hear a Youth's Diftress,
- " Whom You and You alone can blefs;
- " Doom with a Word to endless Pain,
- " Or bless beyond the Lot of Men;
- " For witness ev'ry God above,
- " If you, fweet Maid, repay my Love." ----
- -Mistaken Youth, she said, forbear:
- " Urge not a Suit, I must not hear;

- " Full many fairer may'st thou find,
- " Neither by Choice nor Tye confin'd;
- " My Faith from him no Pow'r shall part,
- " Who with my Hand receiv'd my Heart;
- " Truth ties the voluntary Chain,
- " And bids thee fue, fond Youth, in vain:"

She turn'd away ---- As at Death's Stroke,

Cold chilling Damps his Body shook,

Fix'd were his Eyes, wild turn'd his Brain,

Thence waking to Despair and Pain,

He fought the Horrors of the Grove,

In Madness to forget his Love;

But what avails the Grove he fought,

No Gloom can hide her from his Thought;

Like Delia in the Dance or Chace,

Yet paffing Delia's felf in Grace,

To Grove or Lawn, fly where he will,

He fees her there and loves her still;

Oft he would hang, with downcast Look,
A mourning Statue o'er the Brook,
Oft o'er the Mountains wildly run,
As he had Deeds of Murder done,
Then stop, and Tears as Winter-rains
Shed copious, mutt'ring dolorous Strains;
Till sinking on a Moss-grown Bed

- " Dye, dye, fond Wretch, nor let her hear
- " A Groan that may offend her Ear;

He fadly figh'd his last and faid,

- " Yet when my filent Couch is made,
- " And low, with kindred Dust I'm laid,
- " Then, Swains, my too untimely Fate
- " To her, by whom I fell, relate;
- " Pity, tho' Love refus'd to fave,
- " May with one Tear enrich my Grave."

He spoke, with mortal Grief oppress'd,

And on Earth's Bosom funk to rest.

Still do the Swains of Hunton's Vale

His Death in annual Dirge bewail,

And friendly, thus, to the Deceas'd,

Some rural Bard his Stone hath grac'd;

- " Here, pierc'd by Love's severest Dart,
- " Is laid a fond and faithful Heart,
- " No selfish Care, no cruel Hate
- " E'er bid its gen'rous Pulse to beat,
- "Unarm'd alone to Beauty's Stroke,
- "Too weak for hopeless Love—it broke."



To a PAINTER, who attempted a Portrait of Sylvia.

PAINTER, lay thy Pencil by,
Fate refides in Sylvia's Eye;
Should'st thou prosper in thy Art,
Know, she'll rob thee of thy Heart.

Canst thou paint her Neck and Hair,
And the Loves which revel there;
While thou seest her Bosom rise,
Why that Moisture in thy Eyes?

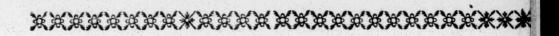
View her Smiles, then, Artist, say,

Can thy Pencil Heav'n display?

Thy trembling Hand will foon attest,

Her Canvas is the Painter's Breast.





To a WOODLARK, that Sung daily at my Window.

WEET Vifitant, whose Song may vie With the Night-warbler's Melody;
Tho' she in Love's soft Tone complains,
Yet grateful flow thy temp'rate Strains,
And vary'd too; from Grief's long Note
To rapid Joy, thy trembling Throat
Pursues the wild harmonious Maze,
Not grudging its unlesson'd Lays;
When Morn unbars the Gates of Light,
Or Hesper leads the Train of Night;
While Philomel in some lone Vale
Tells only to the Stars her Tale,

And wand'ring Lovers; these her Song
Delighted hear; nor hear it long;
For soon the soft Complainer yields
The tuneful Empire of the Fields
To thee; thy Notes the Ploughman chear,
When Earth sirst springs to meet the Year,
And when her blushing Spoils betray
Her Commerce with the God of Day,
When laughing Ceres crowns her Joys,
The Harvest Hymn thy Voice employs.

Sweet Bird, like thee if I could fing, These Valleys with thy Praise should ring.



EPISTLE to Lucy.

HAT Joy, fair Rover, be referv'd for Thee,
Which with thy Absence took its Flight
from me;

Sad is my Heart, dim grow my languid Eyes,
And from my Cheek Health's rofeate Colour flies;
In my wan Looks the Youths my Sorrow read,
And ask from whence my heart-felt Sighs proceed;
By various Answers I their Doubts remove,
And charge the Change to ev'ry Cause but Love;
In vain they bid me climb the steepy Hill,
The Vale delights me and the babling Rill;

To Books I fly, but what Relief from Books Where each kind Thought revives thy kinder Looks; Where, if the Poet fings, thy Voice I hear, And fancied Musick mocks my ravish'd Ear; Where'er all Day I turn'd my wearied Eye, Thy Beauties, Lucy, pictur'd I descry; Thee long accustom'd to behold and love, Nought else they see, nought else my Eyes approve; When o'er the Earth Night drives her filent Car, And from Heav'ns fretted Roof the glimm'ring Star Casts awful Light, such Light as o'er the Dead In folemn Vaults the dying Tapers shed, When not a Breeze disturbs the placid Deep, But the tir'd Waves upon their Waters sleep, And Nature rests; no Rest to me the Night Or Darkness brings, for robb'd in orient Light, Thy Image comes, converts my Night to Day, And calls up Thought that will not from thee stray: If

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If 'tis a Fault with fuch Excess to grieve,

Sure, 'tis a Fault that Lucy may forgive:

Haste then and tell me, whence this Thirst to roam,

This strange Desire to leave thy native Home:

Say, does thy Lover's Voice delight no more,

Once he could please, or Lucy falsely swore;

What mean'd that Anguish when we parted last,

Those back-turn'd Looks, those Vows to come in haste,

Yet now full fifteen tedious Moons are gone,
And still I'm doom'd thy Absence to bemoan;
Tho' you have learn'd like other Maids to seign,
Yet come, and let me be deceiv'd again:
Oh no, my Pride disdains the Tricks of Art,
The practis'd Fondness that belies the Heart;
Ill sair the Maid, and slighted be her Charms,
Who slies from Peace to Noise and rude Alarms;

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Quits Sense and Joy, and Love's inchanting Sounds,
For Hounds, and Men more savage than their Hounds;
There let her dwell, her Sex's Scorn and Shame,
In Life obscure, forgotten be her Name:
But oh vain Rage! can Lucy be forgot
While this fond Brain has Memory and Thought?
Come, with thy winning Words dispel my Pain,
Cling round me still, and I'll no more complain.



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After the DEATH of the same.

Ye Breezes warm by my freaming Eyes,
Ye Breezes warm by my repeated Sighs,
Wild Beafts and Birds, and all ye woodland Throng,
That fright the Vales, or charm them with your Song,
Once pleafing Hills, fad Sources now of Pain,
Where Love, as wonted, would my Steps detain;
Erst fairer than my native Cumbrian Hills,
The Vales of Derwent and the gurgling Rills;

* Herbs, Flow'rs, Plants, Caves, Streams, Shades and whifp'ring Airs,

Children of Spring that us'd to footh my Cares,
In vain I feek among your Wilds to fee
That Angel-form which made you dear to me;

PETRARCH.

^{*} Fior', Frond', herb', ombr', antr', ond', Aure foavi.

Where are her Eyes, my Life's directing Light?

Her gentle Voice, the Musick of Delight?

Where is the Breast on which my Soul was wrote?

Oh where is she, that own'd both Life and Thought?

Tell me ye Nymphs who haunt these Streams and Bow'rs,

(For you can witness to my happier Hours)

And tell me, Sun, if in thy ample Round

A Heart so truly wretched may be found,

Which Anguish Charms, to whose increasing Grief,

No Hand but Death's can minister Relief:

Yes, that wou'd please me, for 'tis Life to dye,

And join my Lucy in her native Sky.

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